(c) The total production of cotton in the State during the said priod in the State is as under :-

Year	Total production in lakh bales (each bale is 170 Kgs)
1994-95	22.69
1995-96	22.02
1996-97	1.53 (November, 1996)

[Translation]

Monitoring of Prices and Availability of essential Commodities

3637. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken special measures to monitor the prices and availability of essential comodities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to review these measures form time to time;

(d) if so, the details thereof with observations made on last review;

(e) whether these steps tend to yield desired results;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). The prices and availability of 12 very essential commodities monitored regularly. The retail prices are monitored are on a daily basis and wholesale prices on a weekly basis from selected centres all over the country. The commodities monitored are rice, wheat, gram dal, tur dal, sugar, groundnut oil, mustard oi, vanspati, tea (loose), potatoes, onions and salt.

(c) to (g). The prices and availability of essential commodities are regularly reviewed by high level Committees like Special Action Committee of Secretaries on monitoring of prices (SACP) and Cabinet Committee on Prices (CCP) to initiate appropriate measures. The decisions of these committees are implemented to augment the availability of essential commodities and to control their prices.

Import of Milk

3638. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether free import of milk from (international players) is still continuing;

(b) whether milk is subsidised to the tune of Rs. 8 to 9 which means that importers have been benefited @ 100% subsidy and by zero tax;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of answer to (b) above.

[Translation]

Utilisation of funds

3639. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the assistance given to various States for the development schemes during 1996-97, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have received utilisation certificates for the State Governments before sanctioning further assistance to the States for the development of Animal Husbandry and Dairying;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the amount actually utilised by each state;

(d) if not, the reason therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the States which did not spend the amount fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

[English]

Decline in Fertilizers Production

3640. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production and profitability of fertilizer units in the public and cooperative sector including the operating profit of these companies had shown a decline during the nine months of the current year;

(b) if so, the overall decline and the units-wise comparative figures of production and profitability during the said period and that in the corresponding period in 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(c) the main reasons for the decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c). A comparative statement of the production of fertilizers by public and cooperative sector undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers during the period April-November, 1996 and the corresponding period in 1994-95 and 1995-96, is enclosed at Statement-I. Operating profits of the undertakings for the period April-September, 1996 and for the corresponding period of 1995-96 and 1994-95 are given in statement-II

The shortfall in production of nitrogenous fertilizers in the current year has arisen mainly due to raw material, infrastructure and technical constraints, one or more of which affected the performance of the plants of NFL, FACT, IFFCO, FCI and HFC. The units producing phosphatic fertilizers had cut back production due to demand stagnation fund constraints and uncertainties over the availability of the special concession on the sales effected till the announcement of special concession on 6.7.1996.

STATEMENT-I

Company-wise production of fertilizers during first 8 months of 1996-97 and corresponding period of 1995-96 & 1994-95.

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Company	Production (April-November)					
	1996-97		1995-96		1994-95	
	N	P	N	P	N	P
Public Sector						
NFL	594.7	-	702.8	-	696.1	-
FACT	168.9	84.7	218.8	100.0	173.8	84.2
RCF	508.7	68.4	563.9	61.8	587.1	53.9
MFL	90.1	82.7	106.3	79.1	80.3	68.2
PPL	47.1	121.1	76.3	195.2	78.1	199.6
PPCL	-	20.9	-	16.1	-	16.1
FCI	111.7	-	116.8	-	99.8	-
HFC	97.1	-	74.3	-	40.3	-
Total (Public) :	1618.3	377.8	1859.2	452.2	1755.5	422.0
Cooperative Sector						
IFFCO	617.7	221.5	642.7	246.1	675.7	255.4
KRIBHCO	485.3	-	517.6	-	476.1	-
Total (Coop):	1103.0	221.5	1160.3	246.1	1151.8	255.4
Totla (Pub+Coop):	2721.3	599.3	3019.5	698.3	2907.3	677.4

STATEMENT-II

Company-wise Profit before tax

(Rs. Crores)

S.No.	Name of the Undertaking	April-September 1994	April-September 1995	April-September 1996
1	2	3	4	5
Public Sector				
1.	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL)	66.50	29.86	-13.30
2.	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT)	9.13	45.96	9.36

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF)	125.12	72.33	36.71
4.	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL)	8.95	7.00	-31.23
5.	Madras Fertilizes Ltd. (MFL)	3.57	7.23	5.56
6.	Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL)	-4.71	-0.77	-4 65
7.	Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI)	-178.62	-230.58	-288.06
8.	Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC)	-234.46	-246.94	-237.10
Cooperative Sector				
1	Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO)	55.59	88.47	48.14
2	Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO)	54.00	135.24	158.22

[Translation]

Drought in Madhya Pradesh

3641. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA
SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Madhya Pradesh affected by drought due to the failure of rains;

(b) the average rainfall in the area and the rainfall received this year;

(c) the total loss suffered in the kharif crop due to less rainfall in those areas;

(d) whether any Central team has visited the Madhya Pradesh to assess the losses;

(e) if so, the findings thereof;

(f) if not, the time by which the team likely to be sent there; and

(g) the amount of money sanctioned for immediate relief operations?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, 28 Tehsil of 9 districts have been affected by drought in the State. A Statement indicating the names of the affected districts and Tehsils and the normal and actual rainfall in these districts during the South West Monsoon, 1996 is enclosed.

(c) The crop cutting experiments in 10 districts of the State are still going on. The full extent of damage to crops due to the drought conditions will be known after the crop cutting experiments are over.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Government of India have not received any Memorandum from the State Government seeking assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief. Deputation of a Central Team is considered after receipt of such Memorandum.

(g) Government of India have released three instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1996-97 amounting to Rs.28.73 crores for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought.

STATEMENT

Statement Indicating drought Affected Areas in Madhya Pradesh and normal and actual rainfall in these areas

S.No.	Name of districts	Normal Rainfall (MM)	Actual Rainfall (MM)	Drought Affected Tehsils	
1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Raipur	1213.4	803.9	1. Balodabazar	2. Kasdol
				3. Bilasgarh	4. Bhatapara
				5. Simga	6. Tilda
				7. Mahasumund	8. Deobhog
				9. Saraipali	
2.	Durg	1027.9	1100.5	1. Saja	2. Navagarh
3.	Rajnandgaon	1065.9	805.2	1. Rajnandgaon	2. Dongergarh
				3. Dongergaon	